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Barracks of Border Guard Unit in Dospat, Peshtera Okoliya

1. The barracks of the Border Guard unit in Dospat (N 41-39, E 24-08), Devin Okoliya, are located approximately 200 meters north of the last housed in the northern outskirts of the village and about 100 meters east of the Dospat-Peshtera road, at the southwest foot of the hill known as "Kel Tepe", in the middle of an open area.
2. The barracks area has an irregular shape and is enclosed by a barbed wire fence. In this area there are five buildings, as follows:
 - a. A 2-story building, used as a kitchen and mess hall;
 - b. A building in the shape of an "L" approximately 50 meters long and about 12 meters wide, used as soldiers' quarters;
 - c. A rectangular building, approximately 40x12 meters in size, used as soldiers' quarters;
 - d. A rectangular building, approximately 30 x 8 meters in size; use unknown; and
 - e. A fifth building, size and use unknown to informant.
3. All the buildings in this barracks area are painted white and have roofs of red Marseille tile.

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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Border Guard Units

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4. [redacted] in Dospat village, Peshtera Okoliya, there is located a Border Guard otryad (formerly 8 Border Guard uchastuk, until 1949), quartered in the barracks described above. [redacted] 25X1
5. The otryad consists of approximately 500 soldiers [redacted] had a training battalion. [redacted] in the barracks approximately six officers, [redacted] only [redacted] a Lieutenant Tsanev (fnu) [redacted] was constantly moving around the zastavas and [redacted] occupied some kind of intelligence position in the Border Guard unit. 25X1
6. [redacted] approximately two-thirds of the soldiers were armed with pistols (Soviet PP-1941s and German "Schmeisers") and the remainder with "Vintovki" rifles. [redacted] one light machine gun, probably MG-34. 25X1
7. [redacted] this otryad was composed of the following komandaturas: 25X1
- a. In Slashten village, Gotse Delchev (formerly Nevrokop) Okoliya [redacted] this komandatura is subordinate to the otryad at Dospat because its supplies were received through the Border Guard unit in Dospat; it is located in the village of Slashten (N 41-32, E 24-03) [redacted] 25X1
- b. In Trigrad village (N 41-36, E 24-23), Devin Okoliya; the komandatura is located in the village, near the mosque [redacted] 25X1
8. [redacted] zastavas: 25X1
- a. Zastava in Chavdaritsa village (N 41-35, E 24-12), Peshtera Okoliya [redacted] the zastava is located in the village [redacted] 25X1
- b. During the summer of 1952 a new zastava was formed which is located about five kilometers southeast of the village of Chavdaritsa, approximately 100 meters from the little road connecting Chavdaritsa village with Buynovo village (N 41-33, E 24-18), Devin Okoliya, and about 600-800 meters from the border line, at the start of the valley and the stream which goes through Chavdaritsa village; the zastava is located in a rectangular, 1-story building, roofed with red Marseilles tiles; during September 1952, the zastava located in the southeast edge of Buynovo village, Devin Okoliya, near the bridge, was moved into this newly constructed building; the new zastava is located at N 41-34, E 24-15;¹ [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] the border line opposite it is marked with wooden posts [redacted] a 500-meter, strongly guarded border strip starts at this zastava; signs are posted in the area warning about this border strip [redacted] 25X1
- c. Zastava between Buynovo and Kozhari (N 41-32, E 24-20) villages, Devin Okoliya; it is located on the peak about 1.5 kilometers south of Buynovo village, approximately two kilometers west of Kozhari village and about 800-1,000 meters from the border line; it is reached by a path from Buynovo village; it is located at N 41-32, E 24-19; this is an old zastava which is very near the location of the former Buynovo zastava [redacted] 25X1
- d. Zastava at "Gurchevo" location;
- e. Zastava in Tikhovishte village (N 41-31, E 24-03), Gotse Delchev Okoliya; details unknown; and

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f. Zastava at Godeshevo village (N 41-30, E 24-03), Gotse Delchev Okoliya;
details unknown.

1.  Comment: If this statement  is accepted, it would lead to
the conclusion that the zastava of Buynovo village has ceased to exist as
such since September 1952.

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